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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING A
TAIL OF FILM TO A LOAD

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 35 pages, including title page, Abstract, 8 independent claims and 58 claims total.
2. Drawings- 20 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-20).
3. **Applicants claim the benefits of priority to Provisional Patent Application No. 60/422,878, filed November 1, 2002.**

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This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
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Please accord this application an application number and filing date.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due and any other fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FILING FEE FOR THIS APPLICATION, during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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